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In re application of:

THOMAS D. HENDERSON, ET AL.

Serial No. 09/013,645

Filed: January 26, 1998

For: LANDSCAPE CAMERA SYSTEM
WITH ELECTRONIC FIELD OF VIEW
SWITCHING

Examiner: RICHARD LEE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Decision of the Board of
Patent Appeals and Interferences dated December 19, 2003 with respect to Claims 1-3
and 8, for which a Request for Rehearing is due by February 19, 2004.

REMARKS

The decision of December 19, 2003 affirmed the final rejection of Claims 1-3 and 8, on the grounds of obviousness from Henderson et al. in view of Baker et al. The Examiner contended that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide "the features of a digital camera system, a plurality of video display modules, a video camera control module, and a plurality of personal control units as taught by Baker et al. for the closed circuit television system for an aircraft of Henderson et al. for the same well known flight entertainment purposes."

Claim 1 recites "a plurality of personal control units connected to said in flight entertainment local area network, each of said plurality of personal control units corresponding to respective ones of said plurality of video display modules and connected to said video camera control module for operating the video camera control module to independently select a desired field of view for each of said video display modules." At page 8 of the decision, the Patent Board found that Baker et al. "reasonably suggests a plurality of personal control units." The basis given for this finding is that Baker et al. discloses human input for controlling image transformations, which the Patent Board acknowledges at page 8 as being input from a single user.

Furthermore, Baker et al. relates to a visual imaging system for electronic manipulation of wide angle hemispheric scenes, such as the multimedia technique used at theme parks, of displaying on a screen or collection of screens that covers almost 360 degrees field of view, in which the display constructs abutting subimages, for which it would be inappropriate to have multiple user controls. At page 9, the Patent Board

indicated that Baker et al. is not limited to this one application, concluding that Baker et al. thus suggests multiple personal control units. It is respectfully submitted that there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in Baker et al. of multiple personal control units corresponding to multiple video display modules and connected to a video camera control module for operating the video camera control module to independently select a desired field of view for each of the video display modules, as is claimed. It is respectfully submitted that interpretation of Baker et al. as suggesting multiple operators with multiple control units to independently select a desired field of view is inappropriate, since Baker et al. discloses that each desired field of view is a subimage segment of a whole image.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,

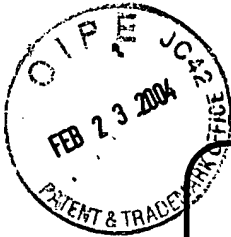
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